

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
April 29, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

*2nd Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building
10 Hotel Street
Warrenton, VA 20186*

Members Present: Matthew Smith, Chairman, Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, William D. Nace, Sam Poles, Peter S. Eltringham, Adrienne Garreau, R. Holder Trumbo, and J. David Cubbage

Members Absent: Jeffrey Walker

Guests Present: Ken Alm, Planning Commissioner, Patrick Mauney, Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission, John Meadows, Planning Commissioner, and Chris Mothersead, Town of Warrenton

Staff Present: Rick Carr, Susan Eddy, Meredith Meixner, and Cynthia Porter-Johnson

1. Approval of February 25, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION:

On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by R. Holder Trumbo, it was moved to approve the February 25, 2009 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of March 25, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION:

On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Sam Poles, it was moved to approve the March 25, 2009 Committee meeting minutes as amended.

3. Other Items

Mr. John Meadows spoke regarding the intersection of Schoolhouse Road and Cedar Lee Middle School. According to Mr. Meadows, vehicles are swinging over into the sidewalk.

Mr. Meadows is concerned that this intersection is a safety hazard especially for children from the school. This is preventing the community from being walkable.

The Transportation Committee recommended that improvements to this intersection be placed on the 6-year secondary plan.

According to Mr. Dave Cabbage, the only projects to be added to the 6-year plan this year are federally eligible or structures, such as a bridge.

This is a safety issue and this is why Supervisor Chester Stribling asked VDOT to look into this further. The biggest cost is likely with moving the pole and extending the sidewalk. Mr. Cabbage will do a preliminary study and bring back information to the Transportation Committee.

4. *Route 211 – Route 17 Connector Corridor (Center and Marshall Districts)*

Mr. Rick Carr gave a presentation on Route 211 – Route 17 Connector Corridor. He referenced Town and County Transportation Plans and the HNTB Presentation. Mr. Carr gave a history on the Route 211 - Route 17 Connector.

Mr. Carr indicated that we are currently in the plan amendment stage. The next step is a recommendation from the Transportation Committee, Public Hearing at the Planning Commission and Public Hearing and adoption at the Board of Supervisors.

Members of the Transportation Committee are concerned about too many access points if the road is only 2 lanes. There is a need to define the purpose of this connector and a need to communicate this to the citizens.

Mr. Carr gave a PowerPoint presentation; a hard copy of which can be found in the Planning Division Office and on the Transportation Committee website.

Mr. Carr will return to the Transportation Committee with further information.

5. *Consider a request for edgeline marking on Route 673 (Baldwin Street) (Scott District) – Chuck Medvitz*

Mr. Chuck Medvitz recapped the issues on Baldwin Street. The road is very narrow. Children waiting for the school bus stand on pavement because there is no shoulder. This is dangerous and the posted speed limit is 40 or 45 miles per hour.

Mr. Dave Cabbage looked at the entire length of Baldwin Street. A handout was distributed regarding the average daily trips.

Baldwin Street does not meet the VDOT criteria for edgeline markings.

Chairman Matthew Smith suggested that VDOT recommendations be followed and felt this is more of an enforcement issue.

The Transportation Committee members agreed not to recommend this request.

6. Consider a request for a “Deaf Child” sign on Route 1452 (Goochland Street) (Center District) – Sherry Dove

Mrs. Susan Eddy summarized the request.

According to Mr. Cubbage, this request can be handled by having the applicant send a written request to VDOT. Criteria exist for such a requirement. Mr. Cubbage said he would also need the concurrence of the Home Owner’s Association. The criteria were given to Mrs. Eddy to distribute to the applicant.

7. Discussion of projects removed from the Six-Year Secondary Plan

Mr. Cubbage provided a spreadsheet, which listed projects in chronological order by year that had been removed from the six-year plan and placed in storage. Mr. Cubbage stressed that any new projects to be added to the plan need to be eligible for federal funds.

Mr. Peter S. Eltringham wants a further explanation of federally eligible projects. Mr. Cubbage will provide that information at a future meeting.

8. Citizens’ Time

No citizens spoke at this time.

9. Other Items

Ms. Garreau and Mr. Trumbo attended the Secondary Street Standards Training. Every Committee member should have a copy of new regulations. Staff will distribute these to the members.

Mr. Poles asked if Sage Road was slated to be closed. Mr. Cubbage indicated that yes, Sage Road is slated to be closed.

Mr. Trumbo updated the committee on the VDOT Route 29 Study.

Chairman Smith asked if anyone attended the Route 29 meeting in Culpeper. Mr. Carr attended this meeting and indicated that the Buckland Bypass was discussed.

Mr. Carr offered to give a presentation on the Secondary Street Standards at a future meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 27, 2009.**